



Dermatomiositis como manifestación clínica secundaria a neoplasia subyacente*Dermatomyositis as a clinical manifestation secondary to underlying neoplasm*Yasmany Salazar Rodríguez  

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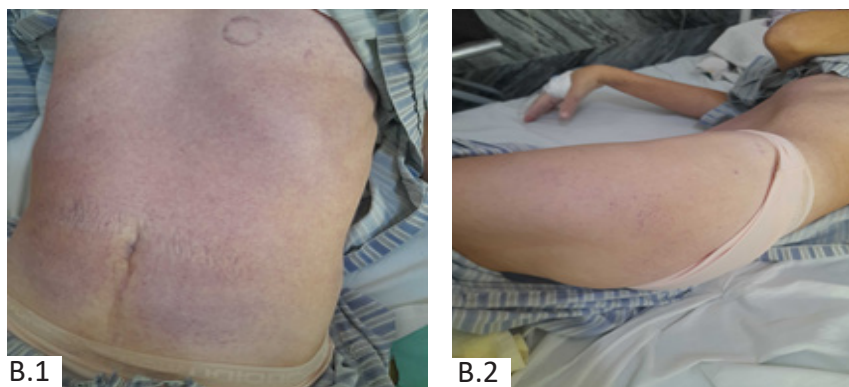
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Dermatomyositis is an idiopathic inflammatory disease that affects the skin and skeletal muscle. In some cases, it may present as a paraneoplastic syndrome, that is, as an initial or concomitant manifestation of an occult neoplasm. Scientific literature indicates that the association with oncological processes is frequent, with ovarian, lung, and breast neoplasms being the most common. To a lesser extent, its relationship with colorectal cancer has been reported, occurring in approximately 15–20% of cases.¹

Panel A shows the image of a case diagnosed during the evaluation of a suspected lung tumor, while Panel B illustrates a case of colon tumor initially presenting with cutaneous lesions associated with digestive symptoms. In both cases, the definitive diagnosis was established through skin biopsy.



Panel A. Paraneoplastic dermatomyositis associated with lung neoplasm. A.1. View of the flexor surface of the left forearm showing diffuse erythema with violaceous erythematous macules and papules distributed in a “chalazoid” pattern. A.2. Bilateral heliotrope sign characterized by violaceous erythema and periorbital edema.



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Panel B. Paraneoplastic dermatomyositis associated with colon tumor. B.1. Presence of diffuse erythematous lesions and erythematous macules in a “chalazoid” distribution on the anterior abdomen. B.2. Extension of the lesions over the anterolateral surface of the left thigh.

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